

INDICATIONS ARE BRIGHT FOR SOME RAISE IN DUTIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The imperative necessity of devising methods for greatly increasing the federal revenues during the coming fiscal year is causing officials of the treasury department and Democratic members of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives to give anxious consideration to the possible sources from which additional income can be derived. The drift of sentiment is strongly in favor of a bond issue to cover a large part of the tremendous deficit that confronts the government. According to the estimates of congressional leaders this will amount to something in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000.

Bond Issue Certain

If a bond issue is decided upon, every item of expenditure that can be set against it with any approach to consistency will be charged up to this account. Among these items will be included the cost of the enlarged naval program, the purchase price of the Danish West Indies and other appropriations aggregating \$200,000,000.

This will still leave a gap of \$100,000,000 between estimated income and expenditure to be closed by tariff duties or direct taxes. Congress only recently doubled the income tax rate, and it is felt that any further increase in this direction is out of the question. Congress likewise repealed the special "war taxes" because of the widespread dissatisfaction with them, and the unpopularity of these stamp and excise taxes, except on liquors and tobacco, makes members generally unwilling to consider them.

As practically the only remaining recourse, consideration has turned this week to an advance in the tariff on sugar and to the possible imposition of moderate duties on coffee, wool and rubber, as well as some other articles.

Suggestions emanating from majority leaders in Congress have turned discussion into this channel within the past few days. While the proposals have not yet taken definite form, it is tentatively suggested that the duty on sugar be increased from the present effective rate of 1 cent a pound to a cent and a half. It is pointed out that this will provide approximately \$25,000,000 a year of additional revenue.

SLEEPING GIRL HAS VISIONS

FINDLAY, O.—Physicians and amateur psychologists are deeply interested in the cataleptic condition of Miss Isabelle Myers, 16, of Findlay, who has been asleep eight days after eating her hearty Christmas dinner.

From time to time the girl talks about the wonders of a world which she evidently believes herself to be visiting, and her descriptions are so vivid that persons who have heard her declare their belief that the girl actually is receiving visions of another world.

12 MILES OF WIRE FORM AERIALS FOR WIRELESS STATION

Work was begun last week stringing approximately 12 miles of one-quarter-inch copper aerial wire on the three masts which form the government station at Pearl Harbor. The masts, which are 600 feet high, are 1000 feet apart and it is estimated that the wire now being strung weighs 12½ tons. Fred Buss, holding engineer, who was one of those who engineered the raising of the P-4, is in charge of laying the aerials. The station will be used both for sending and receiving messages. Only official business of the army and navy will be handled.

MALE BIRTHS GAIN IN TIME OF WAR PROVED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Germany.—The popular belief in war time that more boys than girls are born has found new support in the present world conflict. Privy Councillor Dr. R. Behls of the Prussian Statistical Bureau reports in the Klinische Wochenschrift that the male children born since the beginning of the war outnumber the females considerably. This fact was also ascertained by Prof. Dr. Baillod, who made independent investigations throughout Germany and Austria-Hungary. The ratio is about 105 boys to 100 girls.

I SHALL BE SATISFIED

I shall be satisfied if, when My labors on earth are done, And I am called to God again, Behind me I have left not one Who harbors bitter thoughts of me, And mutters that I wronged him here;

If I can face Death fearlessly, And face Him with a conscience clear.

I shall be satisfied to die If I can only leave behind A few on earth to testify That I was honest, patient, kind, And though I leave no hoard of gold, And pass, but little known, from here,

I'll face Death's angel, staunch and bold,

If I can keep my conscience clear.

I have no wish to rise to fame, I have no wish to clamber high And have the world applaud my name That will not help me when I die. I'm satisfied to plod along And do my best, year after year, To face the fight, however strong, But still to keep my conscience clear.

—Detroit Free Press.

CLUBMAN-AUTOIST WILL JOIN FRENCH ARMY AS AVIATOR

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—James W. C. Reynolds, clubman and one of the best known automobilists in this part of the state, has resigned from the Studebaker corporation to enter the French aviation corps on the western front.

He has made flights with Thaw, Reynolds, Stephenson and MacGordon at Palm Beach in 1914, and since then he has always desired to become a flyer. Reynolds is now with Thaw in New York, preparing for his future duties.

PROMOTIONISTS WILL HOLD RALLY TOMORROW

W. O. Aiken of Maui and W. H. Rice, Jr. of Kaula, members of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, arrived in the city today to attend the rally meeting of the committee tomorrow afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. George H. Vicars of Hawaii will arrive here tomorrow morning.

Rice is finding the tourist question here of importance as he will be forced to leave his room at 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning in order to provide for one of the tourists who arrives in Honolulu tomorrow morning.

JAPAN TAKES A CENSUS OF ITS INHABITANTS

TOKIO, Japan.—There are 2201 people in Japan who are worth more than \$250,000, according to an informal census taken recently. As indicating the fact that the number of wealthy people is constantly increasing in Japan it is to be noted that those having more than \$250,000, or half a million yen, has increased by 1075 since the last investigation made in 1911. The ratio of increase is 115 per cent. The aggregate wealth of the 2201 rich is estimated at 3,470,000,000 yen or \$1,725,000,000.

INSANE PROFESSOR FOILED IN PLOT TO KILL EX-GOVERNOR

OKLAHOMA CITY.—A man named Elder, once a professor in the University of Oklahoma, traveled 100 miles, he said, with the intention of killing W. C. Redfow, formerly governor of Oklahoma, at Miami, Okla. Before Elder could fire the contents of a double-barreled pistol at Redfow, he was knocked down by his intended victim, who then escaped. Elder, he believed to be insane, was arrested.

MISTAKES CALF FOR BURGLAR

HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y.—The police had the laugh on Robert Knapp of Savitlon village. In the darkness Knapp opened fire with a shotgun and killed a calf on his veranda in mistake for a burglar.

He first called out to the supposed burglar to get away. But the intruder still kept fumbling around the door. Knapp telephoned for the police and got his shotgun. Opening a window, cautiously, he fired through the curtain and something fell. Opening the door he found instead of a burglar one of his three valuable calves.

HAWK FLIES 3700 MILES

RED LODGE, Mont.—A large hawk, caught by Eddie Hotchkiss in his cat field, August 19, was killed October 29 on Bogota Plain, nine miles north of Bogota, capital of the South American republic of Colombia. When Hotchkiss caught the bird he conceived the idea of attaching to it a bottle containing his name and address and releasing it. This he did and has just received a letter dated November 4, from Luis Felipe Ruidia of Colombia, in which he wrote of killing the hawk and finding the bottle tied to the bird's neck. In an air line, Bogota is about 3700 miles from Red Lodge.

ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS GIVEN BY DEPARTMENT

Annual Report Office of Marketing Tells of Valuable Service Rendered

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—The development during the last fiscal year of a more extensive and more highly perfected demonstration market news service for perishable fruits and vegetables and the performance of work preliminary to beginning a similar service for livestock and meats are described in the annual report of the office of markets and rural organization of the U. S. department of agriculture, which has just been published. The news service for perishable foods and vegetables, established for four products in 1915, was extended to include a number of new crops, an additional number of stations in producing territory and an increased number of permanent offices in market centers. The service has reached a much larger number of persons than during the preceding year and has, according to reports, been valuable in assisting growers' organizations to plan selling campaigns intelligently; in promoting better understanding among growers, shippers, commission merchants and consumers, and in facilitating efficient marketing operations in other ways.

Grading and Standardization Work

The office has continued its studies of market grades and standards for various farm products. Investigations into the reasons for the economic loss of foodstuffs in transit are being continued, and possible methods of improvement are being studied. Cooperation between shippers and carriers with a view to reducing loss has been stimulated in various instances. Experimental shipments of various products originating on the farm, aggregating nearly 39,000 pounds, were made by parcel post during the year. Results from these and earlier shipments, according to the report, indicate that it is physically possible to ship almost any commodity by parcel post when it is properly packed and handled. The experiments have shown also, however, that comparative returns from other marketing methods must be considered and that it is essential for success in parcel post marketing for shippers to grade and standardize their products and to use suitable containers.

Rural organization investigations of the office resulted in the collection of data on the needs and sources of farm loans, loans to farmers by merchants in the South, farmers' mutual insurance companies and rural telephone companies. Intensive rural surveys of two counties were completed and studies were made of a large number of rural social, educational and civic activities.

Cotton Marketing Work

In its work of enforcing the cotton-futures act the office designated as bona fide spot cotton markets the exchanges in two cities in addition to the thirteen previously designated. A number of additional domestic markets have adopted the official cotton standards as a basis for their transactions. The standards have been adopted also by the Rotterdam, Holland, cotton exchange. During the fiscal year disputes arising from future transactions and involving 26,717 bales were passed on by the office. These disputes were from New York, none arising in New Orleans, the only other officially designated future market in the country.

During the year the office completed its standards for tinged and stained American cotton and these were promulgated by the secretary of the agriculture. Work on the standardization of Arizona-Egyptian cotton and sea-island cotton was continued. Two hundred and forty-eight full sets and 78 fractional sets of the official standards for white cotton were distributed. Other work

Other work carried on by the office of markets and rural organization included investigations in cooperative purchasing and marketing and marketing business practice. In the latter work uniform systems of accounting were devised for grain elevators, fruit and produce associations, livestock shipping associations, cooperative stores, commission houses and other industries. Investigations in city marketing and distribution and in the marketing of cotton seed and its products were continued. The new work taken up by the office included the drafting of rough plans for estimating the costs of municipal public markets and wholesale terminal markets, investigations in the marketing of dairy products and in the marketing of grain, seeds and hay.

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DR. AYER'S CASE TAKES NEW LIGHT

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Woodward. The specific charge is "professional misconduct."

"I suspended Dr. Ayer because I do not believe that he should solicit private practice," said Mayor Lane. "If people come to him of their own volition that is a different matter, but to have them moved to a hospital from the emergency hospital and still continue as their physician is in my opinion wrong and should not be allowed."

When asked concerning this point Logan stated that when the emergency hospital was first opened he made it very clear in open meeting that the emergency hospital should be used only for first aid and that the patients, if they needed further attention, should be moved at once to another hospital. "If the injured person is indigent," said Logan, "the city pays the bill, but if they have money, as I understand Nagle had, the patient must pay."

A Star-Bulletin representative interviewed Superintendent Roehl and Dr. F. F. Alsop, also Secretary Jack Ed wardson of the Sailors' Union and City and County Physician James T. Wayson, none of whom contradicted any statements made by Dr. Ayer in answer to Mayor Lane's charges. Dr. Wayson, now acting emergency surgeon in Dr. Ayer's place during the latter's suspension, had nothing to say about the whole affair, but admitted having written to Ed wardson the following letter:

Dr. Wayson's Letter
"I have seen the mayor and also District Attorney Brown, but have not heard from them since, but will try to see them again on Monday. If it is possible for you to do so I should like to have statement and receipted bill so I can show them to both the mayor and to Attorney Brown. Will you kindly attend to this part and let me know as soon as possible if Nagle fully intends us to proceed in this matter. The attempt to pauperize a man of his age—crippled for life—surely should be a matter of government inquiry, and with your support I believe we can see that such does not occur again."

Alsop Corroborates Ayer
Saying he would rather not be implicated unless by official request or investigation, Dr. Alsop made no voluntary statement, but answers to questions bore out the gist of Dr. Ayer's story regarding him, i. e., that Dr. Ayer placed Nagle in the Queen's Hospital as a private patient; that Dr. Alsop attended the case under Dr. Ayer's direction; that Dr. Alsop received Nagle's approval of the \$50 statement which Dr. Ayer requested him to present and that finally Dr. Alsop declined to take any more from Dr. Ayer for helping in the case, saying he was not permitted to accept fees.

THREE DOCTORS PASS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Dr. A. H. Hanchett, Dr. O. A. Jeffreys and Dr. E. Yoshimura, who took the territorial medical examination some days ago, have passed the same and will be admitted to practise in the territory, according to word today at the office of the board of health.

A Danish nerve specialist places convalescent patients on top of a piano so that they may be benefited by its vibrations as it is played.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

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